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SUBJ: VISIT OF SECRETARY OF THE ARMY -- ADDITIONAL
PANAMANIAN REACTION

REF: PANAMA 6191

SUMMARY: HIGHLY FAVORABLE PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY
CALLAWAY'S PRESS RELEASE (REFTEL) HAS BEEN ECHOED BY
EDITORIAL COMMENT IN GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED MEDIA. END
SUMMARY

1. EDITORIAL IN NOVEMBER 16 EDITION OF MATUTINO AND
PARALLEL COMMENTARY AIRED SAME DAY ON RADIO LIBERTAD
PRAISED SECRETARY OF THE ARMY'S PRESS RELEASE AS
"OUTSTANDING" AND OBSERVED THAT IT HAD BEEN MADE "UN-
SELFISHLY AND WITHOUT ANY DEMOGAGOC INTENT." AS WAS
CASE WITH EARLIER PRESS COVERAGE, BOTH EDITORIALS
PLACED STRESS ON SECRETARY'S POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS OF
PANAMA'S VITALITY AND GROWTH. HIS REMARKS WERE ALSO SEEN
AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF PANAMA'S INCREASED INTERNATIONAL
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PRESTIGE UNDER ITS "REVOLUTIONARY" GOVERNMENT AND AS

JOINTING OTHER STATEMENTS" BY WELL-KNOWN AND IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT SECTORS FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD, NAMELY THAT PANAMA HAS A PROMISING FUTURE AND IS HEADING TOWARD BECOMING AN EXCEPTIONAL FINANCIAL CENTER."

2. WRITING ALONG SIMILAR LINES IN SAME EDITION OF MATUTINO, EDITORALIST RICARDO LINCE CHARACTERIZED STATEMENT AS GESTURE OF "SYMPATHY AND JUST RECOGNITION OF THE PROGRESSIVE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA" AND COMMENTED THAT SUCH GESTURES "ENORMOUSLY FACILITATE THE ROAD TO A BROAD UNDERSTANDING." NOTING THAT STATEMENT HAD BEEN MADE BY HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY RATHER THAN DIPLOMATIC OFFICIAL, LINCE OBSERVED THAT THE US ARMY'S OPINION OF PANAMA WAS NOW ON RECORD.

3. COMMENT: SECRETARY CALLAWAY'S PRESS STATEMENT, BY BOTH ITS TONE AND TIMING, HAS CONTRIBUTED TO GOOD ATMOSPHERE FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S VISIT.
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